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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF UNTSO

REF: JERUSALEM 1187

1. MFA DEPDIRGEN EVRON EMPHASIZED TO US TODAY THAT GOI HAS BEEN COOPERATING 100 PERCENT WITH UNSTO RE TEAM DEPLOYMENTS IN SOUTH AS WELL AS IN NORTH. GOI BELIEVES THAT GENERAL SIILASVUO PERSONALLY IS PLEASED WITH COOPERATION HE HAS RECEIVED FROM ISRAELIS WHICH HAS GONE BEYOND JUST RESPOND-ING TO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE. IN THIS RESPECT, EVRON NOTED THAT GENERAL SIILASVUO TURNED DOWN GOI OFFERS YESTERDAY OF HELICOPTERS TO RUSH OBSERVER TEAMS FROM JERUSALEM TO SUEZ FRONT. GOI AGREED WITHOUT HESITATION THAT UNTSO PERSONNEL IN JERUSALEM SHOULD BE DEPLOYED ANYWHERE, INCLUDING ON WESTERN SIDE OF CANAL.

2. EVRON SAID THAT THREE TEAMS FROM CAIRO NOW IN PLACE ON LINE NEAR GARIFA ON WEST BANK. HE NOTED THAT FIRST TEAM FROM CAIRO ARRIVED IN ISMAILIA YESTERDAY AND REJECTED ISRAELI SUGGESTION--CONFIDENTIAL

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WITHOUT GIVING REASON--OF IMMEDIATE DEPLOYMENT, PREFERRING TO REMAIN IN THE CITY.

3. AS CONCERNS NORTH, EVRON SAID GOI HAD APPROVED UNTSO

DEPLOYMENTS ALONG NEW LINE.

4. COMMENT: GOI OBVIOUSLY BELIEVES SENIOR UNTSO COMMAND LEVELS ARE FULLY SATISFIED WITH ISRAELI COOPERATION RE DEPLOYING UNTSO TEAMS TO SOUTHERN SECTOR OF SUEZ FRONT AND ELSEWHERE. INDEED, GOI OFFER OF HELICOPTERS SHOULD REMOVE DOUBTS RE GOI WILLINGNESS TO GET TEAMS TO SUEZ FRONT FAST.

5. MY GUESS IS THAT BEST EXPLANATION FOR WHATEVER DELAYS HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED IN DEPLOYING TEAMS IN GENERAL IS SHORT TIME UNTSO HAS HAD TO GET ORGANIZED (JERUSALEM 1187 NOTES THAT AS OF AFTERNOON OF OCT 23 UNTSO HAD INSTRUCTIONS FROM UN HQTRS "TO LIE LOW AND TAKE NO INITIATIVE TO INSERT ITSELF IN CURRENT CEASEFIRE SITUATION.") AS CONCERNS SOUTHERN SUEZ SECTOR, TIME PROBLEM WAS COMPOUNDED BY FACT FIGHTING DID NOT STOP UNTIL LAST EVENING. HOPEFULLY, TEAMS CAN NOW BE PUT INTO PLACE EVERYWHERE AT ACCELERATED PACE.
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